



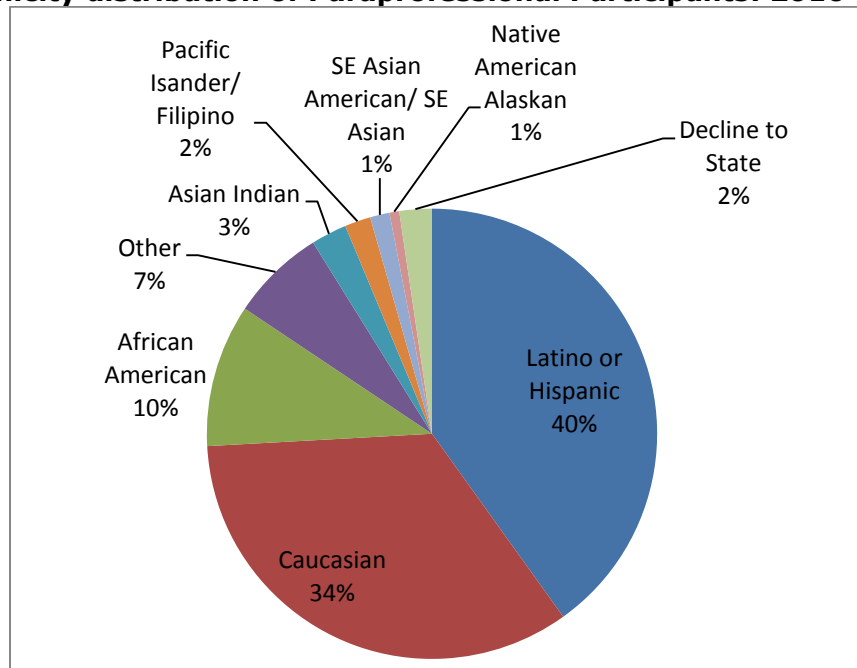
California Paraprofessional Program participants; 2010-2011

The California School Paraprofessional Teacher Training Program (PTTP) provides academic scholarships and other related academic support services to individuals recruited from paraprofessional job classifications, seeking a preliminary California teaching credential as a K-12 teacher (with special emphasis on individuals seeking to become a bilingual, special education, K-3 teacher, or a teacher in another field of identified district need). PTTP programs are sponsored by local school districts, county offices of education and/or consortia that apply to the Commission for program funding based on a competitive grant application process.

The primary purpose of the PTTP is to create local career ladders that enable school paraprofessionals – including teacher assistants, library-media aides, and instructional assistants – to become certificated classroom teachers in K-12 public schools. The program became law in 1990, was fully funded in 1995, and has been in operation for the past 16 years. For the 2010-2011 there are 22 projects and about 900 individuals participate in the program.

The ethnic distribution of the 2010-2011 PTTP participants indicate more than half of the participants (57 percent) identified themselves as belonging to non-white ethnic groups: 40 percent Latino or Hispanic, 10 percent African American, 6 percent Asian (Asian Indian, Pacific Islander/Filipino, SE Asian/SE Asian American), and 1 percent Native American. Little over one-third identified themselves as Caucasian and one-tenth as "Other."

Ethnicity distribution of Paraprofessional Participants: 2010-2011



Despite the decline in the state funding in the past ten years and in turn in the number of PTTP participants (by about 60 percent), the PTTP participants tend to be the most diverse teacher candidates coming through the pipeline. As of summer 2011, the PTTP has produced a total of 2,175 fully-credentialed program graduates.

Source: California School Paraprofessional Teacher Training Program; An Annual Report to the Legislature as Required by SB1636 (Chap. 1444, Stats. 1990, November 2011).